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This booklet provides suggestions for possible sources of information for each of the student performance indicators listed in the National Center on Educational Outcomes' conceptual model for eighth-grade students, including students with disabilities. The model has eight outcome domains, each with several outcomes and indicators of outcomes. For each of the 73 indicators, several possible sources of information are listed. The eight outcome domains are: (1) presence and participation; (2) family involvement/accommodation and adaptation; (3) physical health; (4) responsibility and independence; (5) contribution and citizenship; (6) academic and functional literacy; (7) personal and social adjustment; and (8) satisfaction. Typical sources of information suggested are school or district statistics, attendance records, parent interviews, health screenings, teacher observations, test performance, student interviews, and student focus groups. (Contains 14 references.) (DB)

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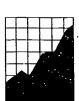
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Using Outcomes and Indicators

As an educator you can't ignore the public's growing desire to know what the results of education are for all of America's students. But you may be asking yourself "Where do I begin?" The National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO) agrees that educational results are important and knows that finding the data to answer questions about results can be difficult. That's why NCEO has been working to help you get the information you need to get started.

After first developing a conceptual model of educational outcomes, NCEO produced the publication *Educational Outcomes and Indicators for Grade 8*. This document explains the model (see Figure 1, page 2), along with specific outcomes and indicators of those outcomes for the 8th grade level.

By using outcomes and indicators like those in NCEO's grade 8 model, you can make data-based decisions about your educational system. You can also have goals that will increase progress toward desired outcomes. But first, you need to identify where you will get the information for each indicator. This easy-to-follow booklet will help you obtain the information you need.

Using This Booklet

In this booklet, which is a companion piece to *Educational Outcomes and Indicators for Grade 8*, you will find suggestions for possible sources of

information for each of the 73 indicators listed in the conceptual model. As Figure 2 (page 3) indicates, each of the eight outcome domains (represented by diamonds) has several outcomes (circles) and indicators (triangles) of those outcomes.

As you read through this booklet, you will find that the information follows the order of outcome domains and outcomes presented in Figure 3 (pages 4 and 5). Indicators and possible sources of information are listed for each outcome (A1 to H3). For example, outcome A1 of Presence and Participation has three indicators: A1a, A1b, and A1c. Each of these indicators has several sources of information that can be used to get a measure of the degree that students are present and participate in school.

NCEO wants you, along with state department and school district personnel, to use this booklet as a resource when developing a system to document indicators of educational outcomes for all students, including those with disabilities.

Documents listing sources of data are also available for models of educational outcomes and indicators at the early childhood levels (Possible Sources of Data for Early Childhood (Age 3) Indicators and Possible Sources of Data for Early Childhood (Age 6) Indicators), grade 4 level (Possible Sources of Data for Grade 4

Indicators), school completion level (Possible Sources of Data for School Completion Indicators), and post-school level (Possible Sources of Data for Post-School Level Indicators).

For information on these and other helpful publications, turn to page 38.



Conceptual Model of Domains and Outcomes

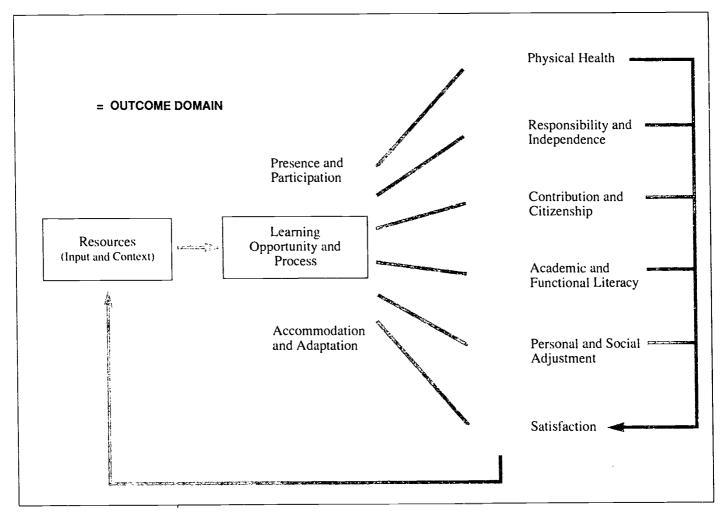


Figure 1. Conceptual Model of Educational Outcomes for Grade 8



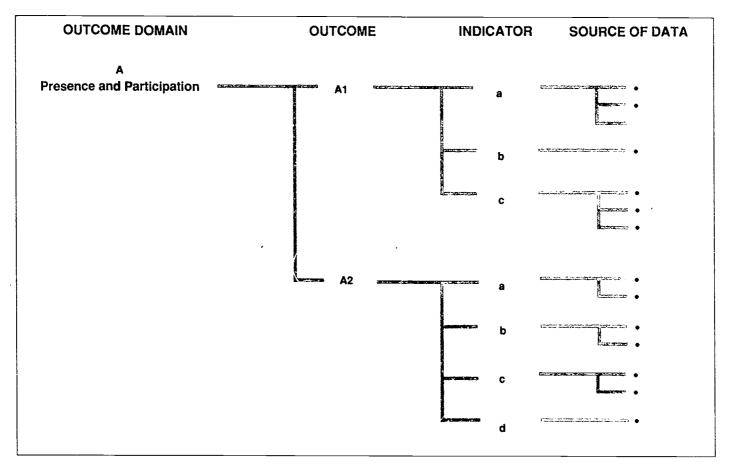


Figure 2. NCEO's Model of Outcomes, Indicators, and Sources of Data

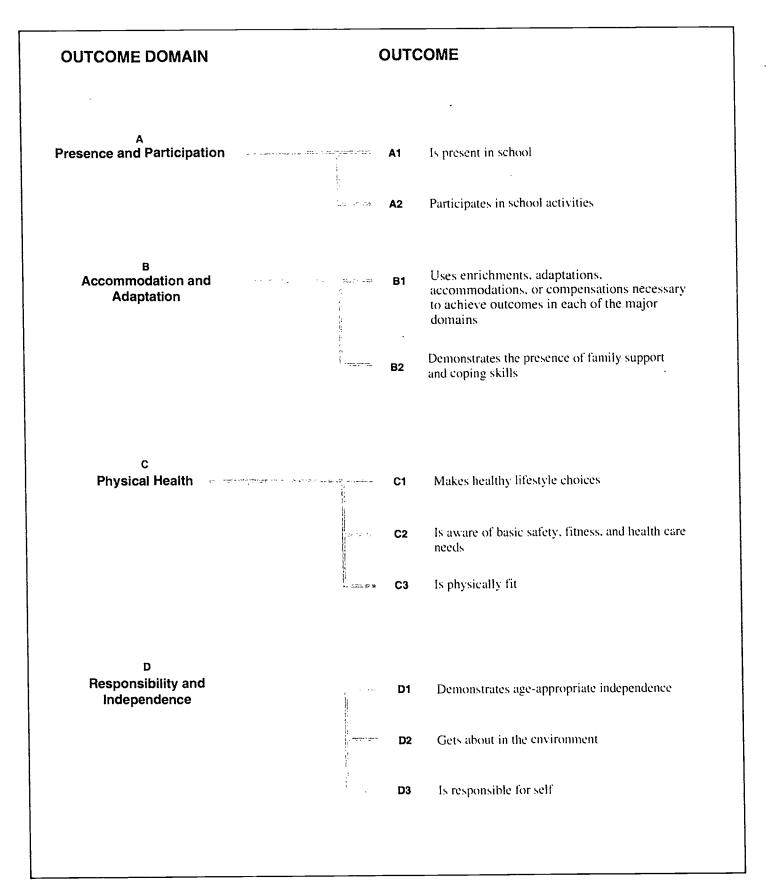


Figure 3. Outcome Domains and Outcomes for Grade 8



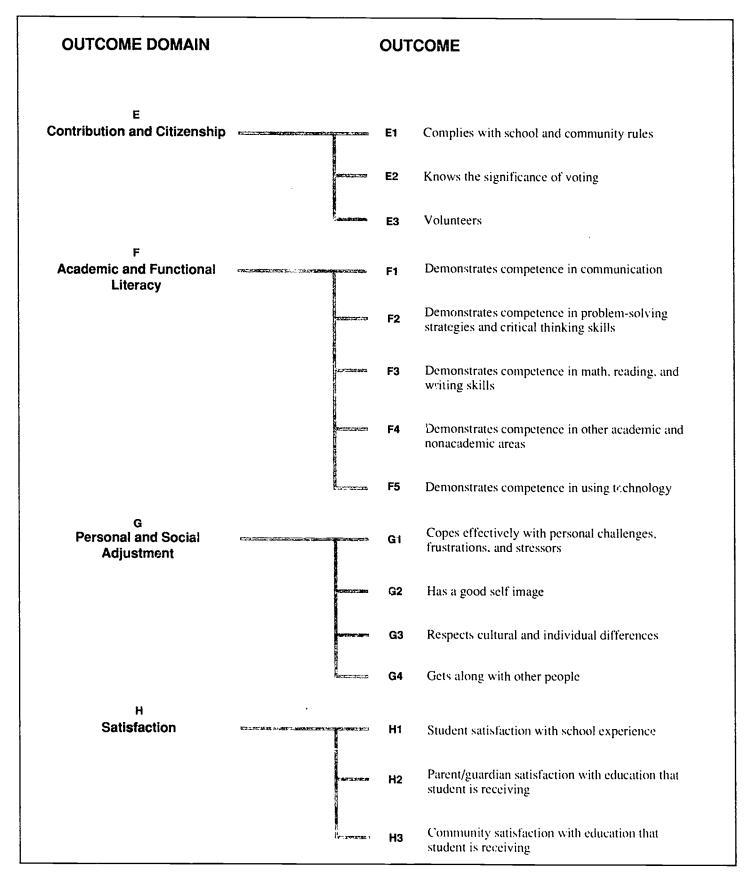


Figure 3., continued



A DOMAIN

• = POSSIBLE SOURCES
OF INFORMATION

= INDICATOR

Presence and Participation

A1 Is present in school

- A1a Rate of absenteeism during school year (differentiated for reasons of suspension, medical/health, truancy and other)
- School or district attendance records or other statistics
- Selected items from the National Center for Education Statistics' National Assessment on Educational Progress on absenteeism
- Student medical records (consent required)
- Number of students suspended
- Selected items from the National Center for Education Statistics' National Education Longitudinal Study on absenteeism, tardiness, and skipped classes

A1b Percent of students excluded from their typical school placement

- School or district statistics
- State education department records or annual state reports to U.S. Office of Special Education Programs
- Number of students expelled
- Data on the average length of all school suspensions and expulsions

A1c Percent of students attending specific settings (for example, separate schools, residential settings, homebound)

- School or district statistics
- Data from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education
- District special education records
- District records of open enrollment patterns
- Private school enrollment records
- Selected items on programs/practices from the biennial Elementary and Secondary School Survey (conducted by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights)
- Building principal interview/survey



A DOMAIN

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Presence and Participation

A2 Participates in school activities

- A2a Percent of time students participate actively in a variety of meaningful learning activities and routines in general education classrooms
- School or district statistics
- Weekly probe analysis of lesson plans to measure range and average of different planned activities
- Teacher ratings of active student participation
- Systematic observations of students for active and passive participation
- Participation rates in project fairs
- Rates of homework completion
- State education department records or annual state reports to U.S. Office of Special Education Programs

- A2b Percent of time students participate actively in extracurricular activities during school year
- Attendance records of student-sponsored events
- Membership rosters in school clabs
- Transportation records
- Parent/guardian or student interview/survey
- A2c Percent of students who participate in district, state, and national testing programs (including alternative testing programs)
- Testing records from local schoots or districts, state departments of education, and relevant national agencies
- Aumber of students tested compared to student enrollment
- Survey/interview of building principal, school psychologist, or special education staff

- A2d Percent of students who move between school settings during the year (mobility rate)
- District enrollment records, indicating transfers to other schools within the district and to other districts
- Building principal interview/survey

A DOMAIN

Presence and Participation

A2 Participates in school activities, continued

• Student survey

Percent of students who participate actively in community activities

Parent/guardian or student interview/survey actively in community activities

Parent/guardian or student interview/survey

Parent/guardian or student interview/survey

Teacher or counselor survey/interview career options within the community



B DOMAIN = POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

= INDICATOR

Accommodation and Adaptation

- B1 Uses enrichments, adaptations, accommodations, or compensations necessary to achieve outcomes in each of the major domains
- B1a Percent of students who demonstrate successful enrichments, adaptations, accommodations, or compensation skills required to move about in their environments
- Relevant information on enrichments, adaptations, or accommodations within Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
- Student contracts, performance records, or portfolios
- Attendance records of local community facilities
- Results of orientation and mobility assessments (for students with visual disabilities)
- Work schedules or logs of related service personnel or support staff
- Parent/guardian or student interview/survey
- Teacher survey or observations

B1b Percent of students who demonstrate successful enrichments, adaptations, accommodations, or compensation skills required to communicate

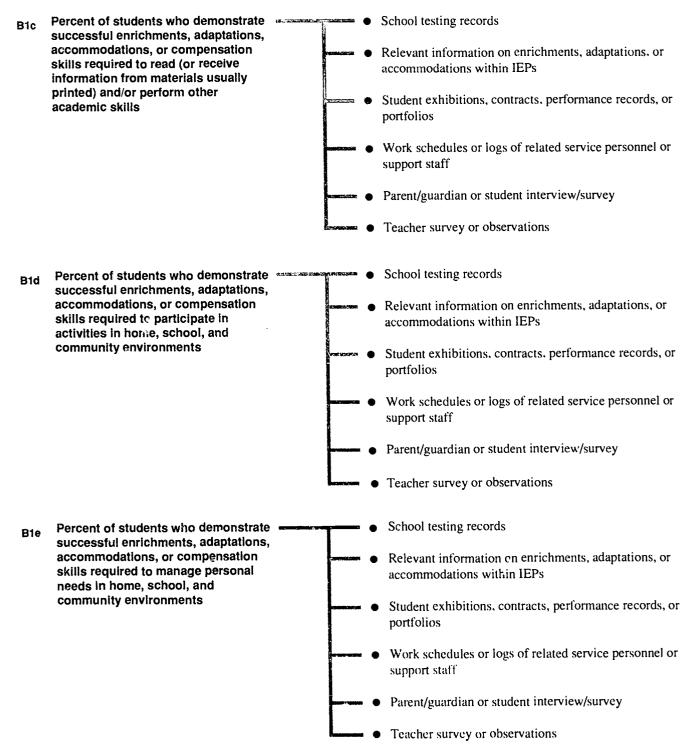
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- School testing records
- Relevant information on enrichments, adaptations, or accommodations within IEPs
- Student exhibitions, contracts, performance records, or portfolios
- Results of speech or language assessments (for students receiving such services)
- Work schedules or logs of related service personnel or support staff
- Parent/guardian or student interview/survey
- Teacher survey or observations

B Domáin

Accommodation and Adaptation

Uses enrichments, adaptations, accommodations, or compensations necessary to achieve outcomes in each of the major domains, continued



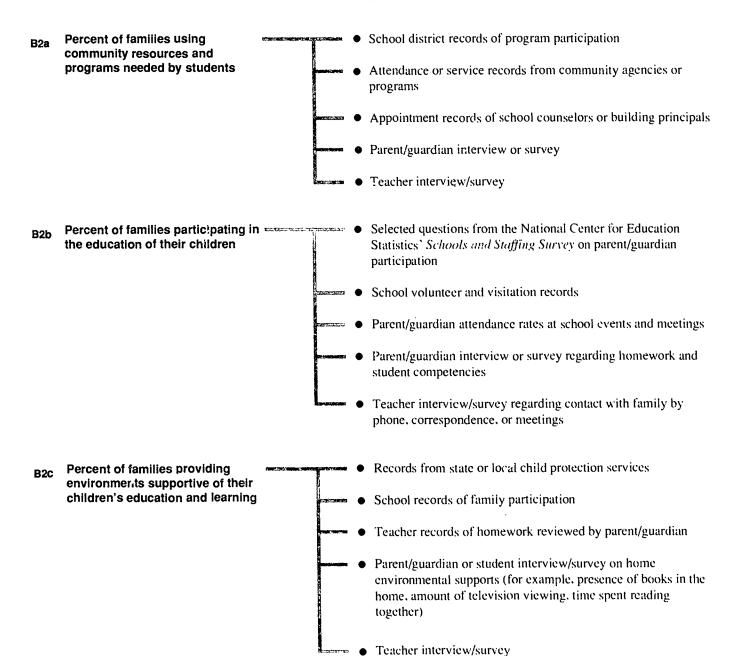


B DOMAIN = POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Accommodation and Adaptation

B2 Demonstrates the presence of family support and coping skills





C DOMAIN • = POSSIBLE SOURCES
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= INDICATOR

Physical Health

C1 Makes healthy lifestyle choices

- C1a Percent of students who make good nutritional choices
- Teacher survey on student nutritional choices
- Student health screenings (for example, measuring weight, cholesterol levels, and percentage of body fat)
- Report of cafeteria staff regarding student nutritional choices
- Student performance in health and nutrition coursework
- Student interview/survey on dietary choices
- C1b Percent of students who elect to participate regularly in sports, recreational, and/or exercise activities
- Selected items from the U.S. Department of Education's Youth Indicators 1993: Trends in the Well-Being of American Youth
- Student achievement or performance records in physical education curriculum
- Teacher observations of recess activities
- Family inventory of sports equipment
- Parent/guardian or student interview/survey on membership in athletic teams, clubs, or camps
- C1c Percent of students who indicate that they use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs
- Comparison of school or district data to findings reported in the National Center for Education Statistics' National Education Longitudinal Study
- Selected items from the National Institute on Drug Abuse's National Household Survey on Drug Abuse
- Selected items from the National Center for Health Statistics' National Health Interview Survey
- Administrative school records of violations
- Parent/guardian or student interview/survey

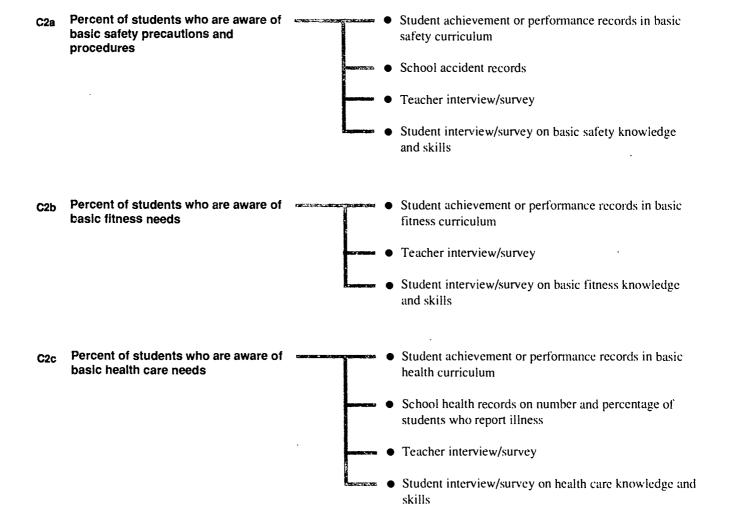


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Physical Health

C2 Is aware of basic safety, fitness, and health care needs

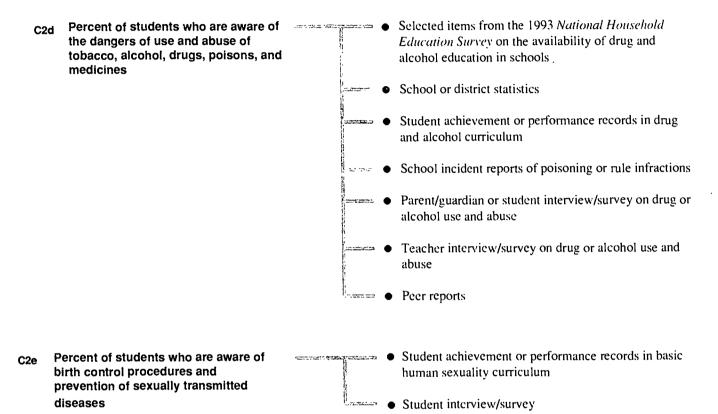




C DOMAIN

Physical Health

c2 Is aware of basic safety, fitness, and health care needs, continued





C DOMAIN • = POSSIBLE SOURCES
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= INDICATOR

Physical Health

C3 | Is physically fit

C3a Percent of students who meet individualized standards of physical fitness

- Selected items from the U.S. Department of Education's Youth Indicators 1993: Trends in the Well-Being of American Youth
- School or district performance records in the President's Physical Fitness program
- School or district health screening records
 - Parent/guardian or student interview/survey on health care visits



D DOMAIN • = POSSIBLE SOURCES
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Responsibility and Independence

Demonstrates age-appropriate independence

D1a Percent of students who assume responsibility in a family, group, or individual situation

- Teacher observations in free time situations (for example, recess, lunch, before and after school)
- Records of parent/guardian-teacher conferences
- Parent/guardian survey or interview on student's public behavior
- Parent/guardian or student interview/survey on time management skills
- Teacher interview/survey



D DOMAIN • = POSSIBLE SOURCES
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Responsibility and Independence

D2 Gets about in the environment

D2a Percent of students who can get to and from a variety of destinations

- School or district records on cases of lost students
- Parent/guardian and teacher interview/survey
- Student interview/survey on knowledge of directions to local community services (for example, police station, fire department, post office)

D2b Percent of students who complete transactions in the community (for example, shopping, going to the library)

- Performance assessments through performance tests or teacher observations
- Parent/guardian or student interview/survey

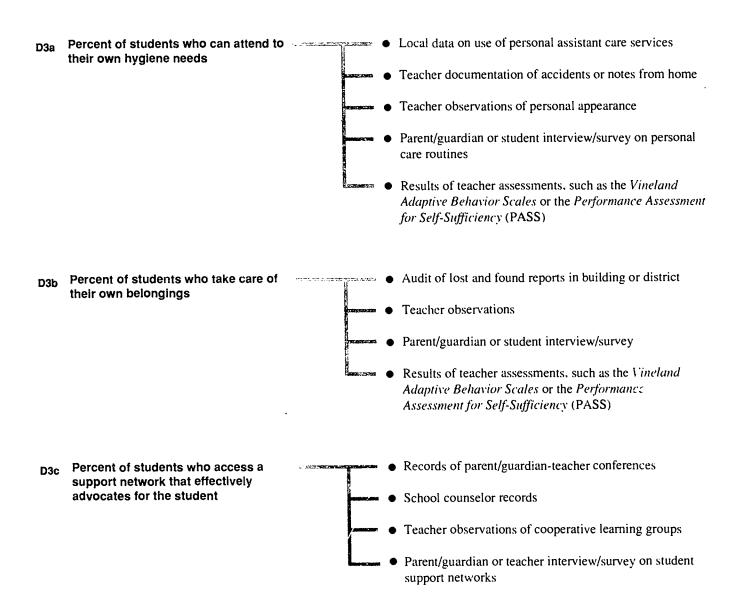


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Responsibility and Independence

D3 Is responsible for self

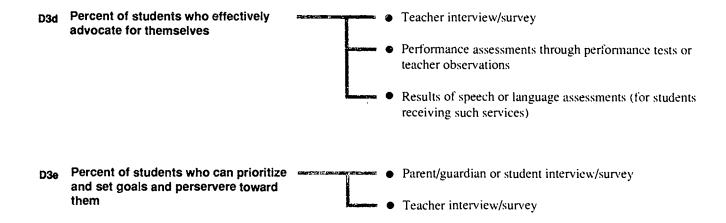




D DOMAIN

Responsibility and Independence

D3 Is responsible for self, continued





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E DOMAIN

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Contribution and Citizenship

- E1 Complies with school and community rules
- Percent of students who are beginning to act as responsible citizens (for example, recycling, helping each other, caring about the environment, respecting property)
- Participation records of school or district-wide efforts (for example, community food drives, recycling programs)
 - Records of school property damage or repair
 - Custodial records of trash and recycling patterns
 - Teacher observations of students during free time situations (for example, recess, lunch, before and after school)
 - Parent/guardian or student interview/survey
 - Teacher interview/survey

Percent of students who have been expelled, repeatedly suspended, or subjected to disciplinary action

- Selected items from the National Center for Education Statistics' Schools and Staffing Survey on the level of school behavior problems
- School or district discipline reports
- Attendance records in special community programs
- Teacher records of behavioral programs and contingencies
- Teacher interview/survey
- Percent of students involved in the legal system

- Vandalism rate and frequency of acts recorded by police and/or school (acts classified by severity)
- Data from the National Education Goals Panel report on safe schools
- Selected items from national surveys conducted by the Department of Justice that include juvenile detention and correctional facilities and local jails (for example, the National Crime Survey)
- Parent/guardian or student interview/survey
- Teacher interview/survey

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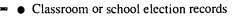
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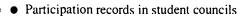
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Contribution and Citizenship

E2 Knows the significance of voting

E2a Percent of students who know the significance of voting





- Student achievement or performance records in basic civics coursework
- Student interview/survey



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Contribution and Citizenship

E3 Volunteers

Percent of students who participate in Classroom or school election records ЕЗа school and classroom governance activities Participation records in student councils Teacher interview/survey Student interview/survey Percent of students who use their Student participation records in school or community E3b interests and abilities to benefit others productions (for example, theater, musical concerts) and contribute to the group Student participation records in community service activities Student participation records in volunteer peer teaching Teacher observations of classrooms Parent/guardian and teacher interview/survey Student interview/survey Percent of students who volunteer Student participation records in school or community time to school, civic, community, or productions (for example, theater, musical concerts) non-profit activities Student participation records in community service activities Student participation records in volunteer peer teaching Teacher observations of classrooms Parent/guardian and teacher interview/survey Student interview/survey



F DOMAIN • = POSSIBLE SOURCES
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Academic and Functional Literacy

F1 Demonstrates competence in communication

Percent of students who use and comprehend language that effectively accomplishes the purpose of the communication

- Selected items from U.S. decennial census on percentage of 13-year-olds who are "linguistically isolated" (living in a household where no one over age 14 speaks English fluently or as his or her only language)
- Performance on language tests
- School or district results from statewide assessment program
- Student contracts, portfolios, or performance records
- Results of speech or language assessments (for students receiving such services)
- School or district participation records in speech, debate, or theater
- Teacher observations of student in academic environments
- Parent/guardian and teacher interview/survey on applied use of skills
- Student interview/survey



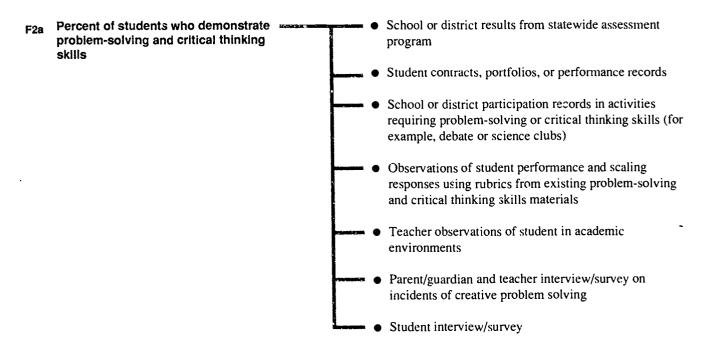
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Academic and Functional Literacy

F2 Demonstrates competence in problem-solving strategies and critical thinking skills





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Academic and Functional Literacy

F3 Demonstrates competence in math, reading, and writing skills

F3a	Percent of students who demonstrate competence in math to function in home, school, and community environments	 Selected items from the National Center for Education Statistics' National Assessment of Educational Progress Comparison of performance on tasks to the U.S. Department of Education's Youth Indicators 1993: Trends in the Well-Being of American Youth
		Performance on mathematics tests
		School or district results from statewide assessment program
		Student contracts, portfolios, or performance records
		Teacher observations of student in academic environments
		Parent/guardian and teacher interview/survey on applied - use of skills
		Student interview/survey
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		Performance on reading tests
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Student interview/survey

Student contracts, portfolios, or performance records

Teacher observations of student in academic environments

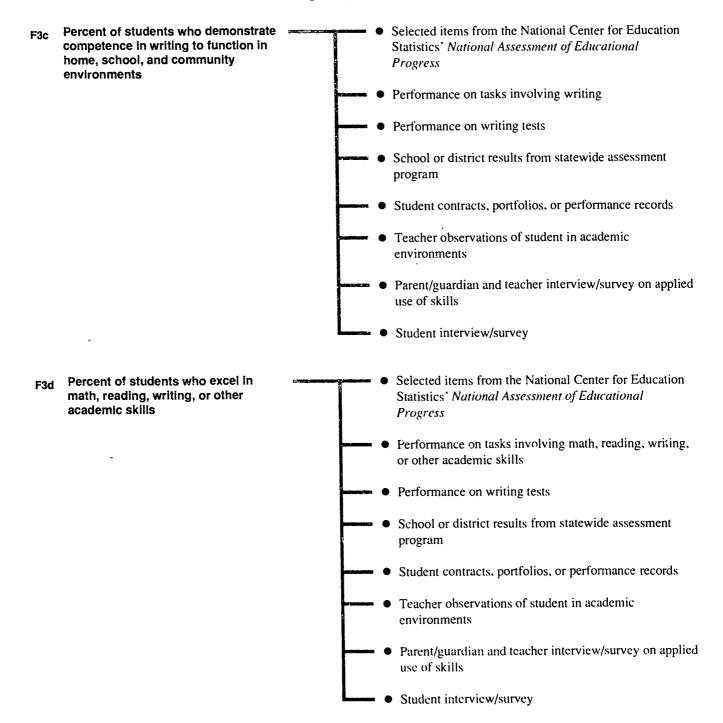
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Academic and Functional Literacy

F3 Demonstrates competence in math, reading, and writing skills, continued

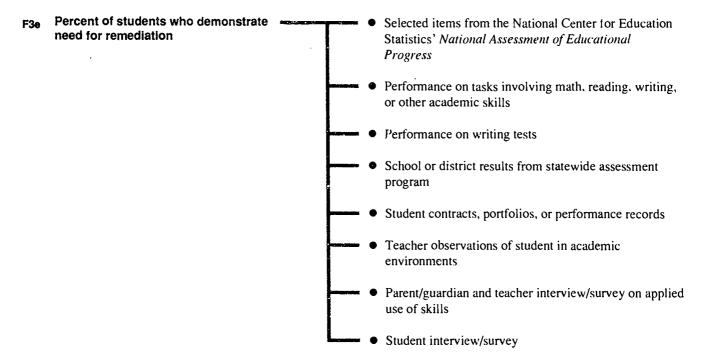




F DOMAIN

Academic and Functional Literacy

F3 Demonstrates competence in math, reading, and writing skills, continued





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Academic and Functional Literacy

F4 Demonstrates competence in other academic and nonacademic areas

- F4a Percent of students who demonstrate competence in other academic domains (science, language, geography, social studies) to function in home, school, and community environments
- Percent of students who demonstrate competence in other academic domains (science, language,

 Selected items from the National Center for Education Statistics' National Assessment of Educational Progress
 - Sehool or district results from statewide assessment program
 - Student contracts, portfolios or performance records
 - Comparisons of performance on tasks to rubries in existing content materials
 - Analysis of teaching plans devoted to these domains
 - Teacher observations of student in academic environments
 - Parent/guardian and teacher interview/survey on applied use of skills
 - Student interview/survey

- F4b Percent of students who demonstrate competence in cultural domains (fine and performing arts) to function in home, school, and community environments
- Student contracts, portfolios, or performance records
- Comparisons of performance on tasks to rubrics in existing content materials
- Analysis of teaching plans devoted to these domains
- Teacher observations of student in academic environments
- Parent/guardian and teacher interview/survey on applied use of skills
- Student interview/survey

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Academic and Functional Literacy

F5 Demonstrates competence in using technology

- F5a Percent of students who apply technology to enhance functioning in home, school, and community environments
- Inventory of technology available to school populations in the school or district
- Teacher observations of student in academic environments
- Parent/guardian and teacher interview/survey on applied use of skills
- Student interview/survey on knowledge and use of computer software, hardware, and other technologies (for example, VCRs, fax machines)

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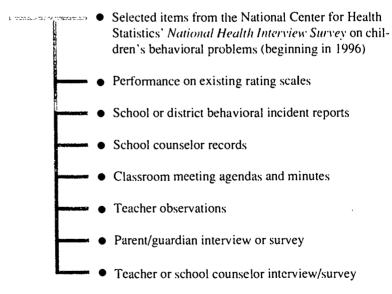
Personal and Social Adjustment

G1 Copes effectively with personal challenges, frustrations, and stressors

G1a Percent of students who deal appropriately with frustration and unfavorable events

Performance on existing rating scales
 School or district behavioral incident reports
 School counselor records
 Classroom meeting agendas and minutes
 Teacher observations
 Parent/guardian interview or survey
 Teacher or school counselor interview/survey
 Student interview/survey

G1b Percent of students who express feelings and needs in socially acceptable ways





G DOMAIN

Personal and Social Adjustment

G1 Copes effectively with personal challenges, frustrations, and stressors, continued

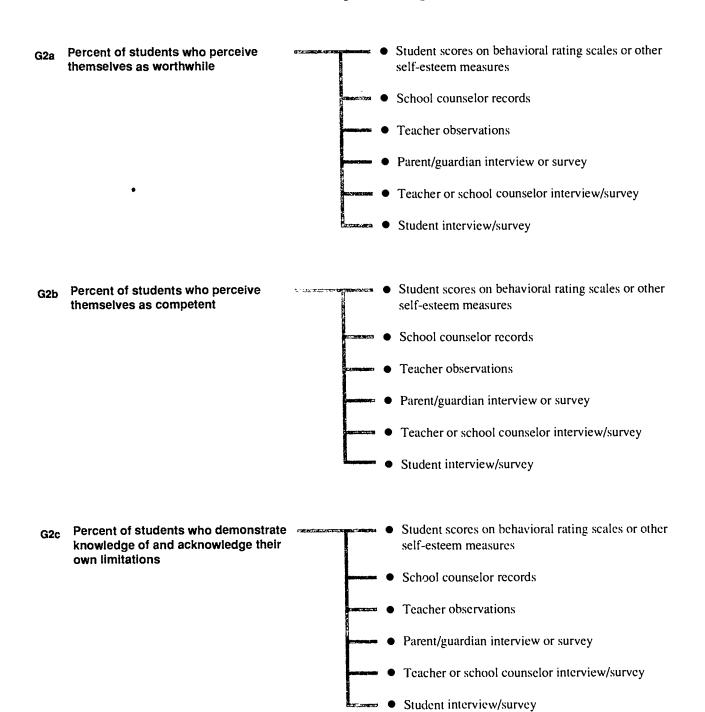
- G1c Percent of students whose behavior reflects an appropriate degree of self-control
- Performance on existing rating scales
 School or district behavioral incidence reports
 School counselor records
 Classroom meeting agenda and minutes
 Teacher observations
 Parent/guardian interview or survey
 Teacher or school counselor interview/survey
- G1d Percent of students whose behavior reflects a knowledge of and acceptance of the consequences of their behavior (for example, makes restitution)
- Performance on items selected from adaptive behavior measures, social skills scales, and/or adjustment measures
- Teacher questionnaire, parent interview, and student interview

G DOMAIN = POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Personal and Social Adjustment

G2 Has a good self image





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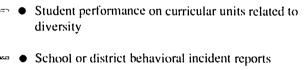
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Personal and Social Adjustment

G3 Respects cultural and individual differences

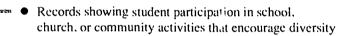
- G3a Percent of students who respect and show concern for others
- Minutes of classroom meetingsSchool or district behavioral incident reports
- Teacher observations of student and peer interactions
- Parent/guardian or teacher interview/survey
- Student interview/survey

G3b Percent of students who accept cultural, racial, ability, gender, and family differences



- Teacher observations
- Parent/guardian or student interview/survey
- Teacher interview/survey on incidents of teasing or harassment

G3c Percent of students who participate in making the community welcoming and inclusive of diversity



- Parent/guardian or student interview/survey
- Teacher interview/survey on student participation in relevant programs and activities

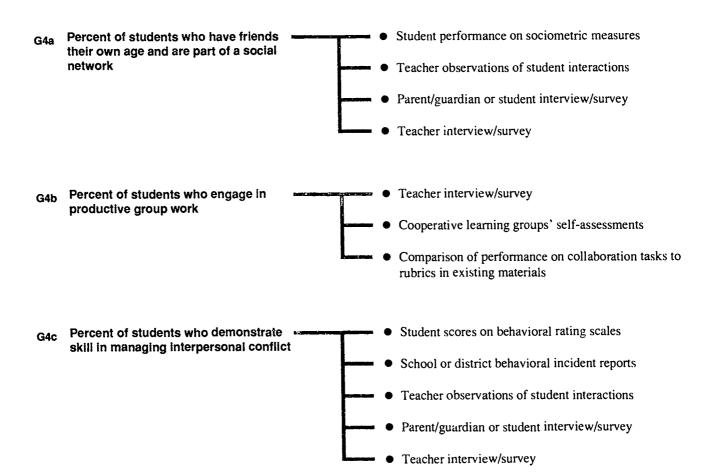


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Personal and Social Adjustment

G4 Gets along with other people





H DOMAIN • = POSSIBLE SOURCES
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= INDICATOR

Satisfaction

H1 Student satisfaction with school experience

Percent of students who are satis-Analysis of student portfolio entries H1a fied with their level of achievement (in all domains) Parent/guardian or teacher interview/survey Student interview/survey Student focus groups Percent of students who are satisfied Parent/guardian or teacher interview/survey with their educational experiences Student interview/survey Student focus groups Percent of students who are satisfied Parent/guardian or teacher interview/survey with their level of independence Student interview/survey



Student focus groups

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H DOMAIN • = POSSIBLE SOURCES
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= INDICATOR

Satisfaction

H2 Parent/guardian satisfaction with education that student is receiving

H2a Percent of parents/guardians who are satisfied with their children's level of achievement

- School or district statistics
- Agendas or minutes of parent/guardian group meetings
- School or district parent/guardian complaint records, including special education hearings
- Parent/guardian interview or survey
- Selected items like those in the Phi Delta Kappan annual poll of public attitudes toward schools
- Parent focus groups

H2b Percent of parents/guardians who are satisfied with their children's educational experiences

- School or district statistics
- Agendas or minutes of parent/guardian group meetings
- School or district parent/guardian complaint records, including special education hearings
- Parent/guardian interview or survey
- Selected items like those in the *Phi Delta Kappan* annual poll of public attitudes toward schools
- Parent focus groups

H2c Percent of parents/guardians who are satisfied with their children's level of independence

- Agendas or minutes of parent/guardian group meetings
- School or district parent/guardian complaint records, including special education hearings
- Parent/guardian interview or survey
- Parent focus groups



H DOMAIN POSSIBLE SOURCES
 OF INFORMATION

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Satisfaction

H3 Community satisfaction with education that student is receiving

H3a Percent of community (teachers, policymakers, employers, general public) satisfied with level of student achievement

- School or district statistics
 - Analysis of public media reports and opinions
 - School improvement reports
 - Interview/survey of community members who volunteer or provide services to schools
 - Selected items like those in the Phi Delta Kappan annual poll of public attitudes toward schools
 - Community focus groups

H3b Percent of community (teachers, policymakers, employers, general public) satisfied with what is being provided in school (curriculum, extracurricular activities, teaching, and supports)

- School or district statistics
- Analysis of public media reports and opinions
- School improvement reports
- Interview/survey of community members who volunteer or provide service to schools
- Selected items like those in the Phi Delta Kappan annual poll of public attitudes toward schools
- Community focus groups

H3c Percent of community (teachers, policymakers, employers, general public) satisfied with students' educational experiences

- School or district statistics
- Analysis of public media reports and opinions
- School improvement reports
- Interview/survey of community members who volunteer or provide services to schools
- Community focus groups



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